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RE: HEARING APPLICATION

Substitute Unit Well at Exceptional Location

HOSS L SUI HOSS RA SUA Simsboro Field

Lincoln Parish, Louisiana

Our File No. 420409.0011

Dear Sir:

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On behalf of TENSAS DELTA EXPLORATION COMPANY, LLC, application is hereby made for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston L Sand and Hosston Formation in the Simsboro Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize the Tensas Delta Exploration Company, LLC Freudendorf, et al No. 1 Well, as a substitute unit well for HOSS L SUI and HOSS RA SUA, respectively, at the location shown on the plat attached hereto, in exception to the well spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 222, effective December 4, 1951, and any other applicable orders of the 222 Series of Orders.
- 2. To explicitly find that the abovesaid substitute unit well is necessary to drain a portion of the Hosston L Sand and Hosston Formation, in the Simsboro Field underlying HOSS L SUI and HOSS RA SUA, which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well in such units.
- 3. To permit the downhole combination of the Hosston L Sand and the Hoss Formation in the Tensas Delta Exploration Company, LLC Freudendorf, et al No. 1 Well or in the wellbore of any well located in HOSS L SUI and HOSS RA SUA.

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4. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston L Sand in the Simsboro Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, is fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 222, effective December 4, 1951.

The Hosston Formation in the Simsboro Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 222-1, effective September 1, 1957.

The Rules of Procedure of the Commissioner of Conservation pertaining to the Pre-Application Notice requirements, are not applicable to the hearing requested herein, which requires legal notice of only ten (10) days.

Pertinent data concerning the intended application will be made available for inspection at the offices of Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts, Bank One Tower, 400 Texas Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71163-1126. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Wm. Timothy Allen III at (318) 221-6858 during normal business hours or write Mr. Allen at the above address, in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Rules of Procedure) is attached hereto, and a copy of this notice, with the annexed plat, is being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons to whom this notice must be sent under the Rules of Procedure.

A check in the amount of \$1,510.00 made payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list.

Very truly yours,

BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUIN & ROBERTS

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Attorneys for Tensas Delta Exploration Company, LLC

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport

District Manager (w/enclosures)

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)

